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John Bouma is the Chairman of Snell & Wilmer. His practice primarily emphasizes complex business litigation, including antitrust and legal malpractice defense.

John has served as counsel to Governor Fife Symington, advising and representing the governor in the Arizona Supreme Court litigation concerning the separation of powers, executive powers and functions, the budget and appropriate use of the line-item veto in *Rios v. Symington*, 172 Ariz. 3, 833 P.2d 20 (1992). He thereafter served as an advisor on such matters from time to time to Governor Jane Hull. More recently, John represented the leadership of the legislature in Arizona Supreme Court litigation against Governor Janet Napolitano concerning the governor's constitutional authority, the budget and appropriate use of the line-item veto (*Bennett v. Napolitano*, 206 Ariz. 520, 81 P.3d 311 (2003)).

John has been included in annual editions of The Best Lawyers in America consecutively for the 25 years it has been published. He has served in the leadership of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been named by the National Law Journal as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." From 1986 to 2006, John was a member of the Board of Directors of Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, the professional liability insurer for many of the country's large law firms. During 2003, 2004 and 2005, he served as chairman of that Board.

John has served as president of the Phoenix Association of Defense Counsel, the Maricopa County Bar, the State Bar of Arizona, the Arizona Bar Foundation, the Western States Bar, and the National Conference of Bar Presidents. He has served the American Bar Association as a member of the Board of Governors and has been a member of the ABA House of Delegates since 1989.

John has served as president of the Phoenix Art Museum and the Arizona Opera. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Phoenix Art Museum, and the Valley of the Sun United Way. He has served on the board of directors of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, and is an active member of the Greater Phoenix Leadership and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. John is a co-founder of the Arizona Equal Justice Campaign, Wildlife For Tomorrow, and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, Arizona Chapter.

John Bouma is hailed as a "gentle giant of the litigation Bar." Contemporaries marvel at his "incredible ability to manage cases" and "phenomenally long list of accomplishments," while more junior lawyers cite him as a tremendous influence, particularly for his strategic skills and effective, low-key style. (Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2006)